

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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INQUIRY AGAINST CRICKETERS
VIJAY GOEL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any former Cricket Captain is under interrogation of the Enforcement Directorate for possession of undisclosed foreign currency in his locker; and

(b) if so, the details of the case and the outcome thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : A locker was broken by the authorities of the Bombay Gymkhana on 25.9.1999. The traveller's cheques, currency notes of various countries and a few personal effects found in the locker revealed that the locker belonged to Shri Sunil Gavaskar. During the course of investigations carried out so far by the Enforcement Directorate, Shri Gavaskar in his statement admitted that the foreign currency found in the said locker belonged to him. He also claimed that the traveller's cheques found in the locker are part of traveller's cheques of U.S.\$ 3000 and U.K.Pound 7500 (equivalent to U.S.\$ 15,000) received as allowances for personal expenses from M/s Intex Group of Companies and that the foreign currencies were kept in the locker due to renovation work being carried out at his residence. The remaining currencies found in the locker were claimed to be the unspent amount of foreign exchange availed by him for foreign visits. Apart from the traveller's cheques equivalent to U.S.\$ 15,000, Shri Gavaskar has also received U.S.\$ 75,000 from M/s Intex Group of Companies as consultancy fees in terms of their agreement dated 10.8.1999.